GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

- Provide the opportunity for Newton Seniors to reduce their tax obligation by working off a portion of their real estate taxes.
- Match work skills of Seniors with the needs of City Departments
- Increase the involvement of Newton Seniors in municipal government

HOW TO APPLY

- Applications are available at the Assessors Office in Newton City Hall
- Qualified applicants are matched with available positions
- Application must be made annually

JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

- Municipal and school departments
- In offices and on special projects
- Based upon individual department needs

WHERE TO APPLY:

Applications are available at the *Assessors Office* in Newton City Hall.

Newton City Hall 1000 Commonwealth Avenue Newton, MA 02459

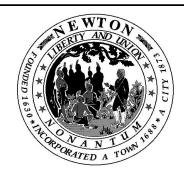
Hours:

Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fridays: 8:30AM-5:00PM
Tuesdays: 8:30AM-8:00PM

For an appointment or more information please call: 617-796-1160

City of Newton

SENIOR CITIZEN
PROPERTY
TAX
WORK OFF
PROGRAM



Setti D. Warren Mayor

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Age 60 or older as of July 1
- Must own and reside in a Newton property as of July 1

INCOME REQUIREMENTS:

- Less than \$40,000 if such person is single and not head of household
- Less than \$50,000 if such person is head of household
- Less than \$60,000 if such person files a joint tax return with a spouse

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Date of determination of age, residence, ownership and income shall be July first of each year.

BENEFIT GUIDELINES:

- Current minimum wage: \$8.00 per hour for all positions
- Maximum credit is \$1,000 less withholdings
- Maximum number of hours to work for credit is 125 per year
- Level of appropriation will determine the maximum number of participants
- Benefit income is considered taxable by the federal government
- All work timesheets must be submitted by November 1st to be applied to the current year tax bill

SELECTION PROCESS:

- Applicant must meet eligibility requirements
- Applicants are selected on a first come, first served basis
- Applicant must complete an application form
- Applicant must have appropriate skills or qualifications for position
- Applicants are matched with available positions by the Senior Services Department and interviewed by that Department

Proxy Program Pending Board of Aldermen Approval For FY 2014

 If the Board of Aldermen approves, a provision will be adopted for qualifying seniors who are physically unable to perform the volunteer work-off services. An equally qualified proxy may perform the services on behalf of the senior.